

NEWS RELEASE

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Annual CSEPP exercise and test of sirens and tone alert radios

Richland – Benton County Emergency Services along with several local hospitals, fire and police agencies, and volunteers will participate in the annual exercise of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Plan (CSEPP) during the evening hours of Tuesday, May 22. As part of that exercise, the monthly test of tone alert radios and warning sirens in southern Benton County will take place at the beginning of the exercise Tuesday evening.

As part of the exercise, local emergency officials will activate the Benton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 651 Truman Ave. in Richland. Such exercises provide valuable training opportunities for local officials who would respond to various emergency events in the county.

Additional information on CSEPP can be obtained by calling Benton County Emergency Management at (509) 628-2600 or toll free at (800) 841-7953. CSEPP information is also available on the Internet at www.bces.wa.gov or www.csepp.net.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Please contact Steve Sautter if you are interested in doing interviews in the Benton County EOC during Tuesday's exercise.

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